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### **Free Wilmington Small Business Seminar**

**Sacramento** – Business owners, entrepreneurs, and individuals who would like to start a business are invited to attend a [free small business seminar in Wilmington](#) on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton, BOE Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Senator Ted W. Lieu, Senator Roderick D. Wright, Assemblymember Isadore Hall, III, Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal, Los Angeles City Councilman Joe Buscaino, and the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring this event.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners looking for assistance with state and federal tax laws, as well those who want to expand their business knowledge will benefit from presentations given by representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Seminar topics include, traditional and non-traditional business financing, using tax credits to finance your business, the power of your Chamber of Commerce, accessing helpful problem solvers, and other significant topics.

**Event:** Free Wilmington Small Business Seminar

**Date:** Tuesday, January 21, 2014

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
(Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.)

**Place:** Los Angeles Harbor College Recital Hall  
Music Building  
1111 Figueroa Place  
Wilmington, CA 90744

**Registration:** [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm) or call 1-888-847-9652

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person classes](#) and [online seminars](#).

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee

Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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